

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph at page 1, line 1 with the following amended paragraph:

METHOD FOR FORMING COMPOSITE FOAM, ARTICLES, AND METHODS OF FORMATION

Please amend the paragraph on page 9, line 24-27:

Specific embodiments of the method of this invention include the additional step of performing CVD prior to rapid densification to preliminarily increase the density of the foam and to increase the initial rate of densification during the rapid densification process. An example of a CVD coating includes carbon.

Please add the following new paragraphs on new page 15, which is also included with this Amendment as a new page for insertion into the application:

METHOD FOR FORMING COMPOSITE ARTICLES

Abstract of the Invention

A composite structure is formed by depositing a one or more coatings on an open-cell foam skeleton to form a higher-density composite foam. In accordance with one aspect of the invention, the composite foam can be a carbon/carbon composite formed by a rapid densification process. The formed composite structure is suitable for use, for example, as a friction material employed in clutch and brake devices.